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# Office Action Summary

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 23, 2001
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-14, 16-23, 25-29, 31, and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 15, 24, and 30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 3
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 10, 16, 25, 31, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by KERR et al US Patent No. 5,227,771.
3. Consider claims 1-3, 10-12, 16-18, 20, 25-27, 31, and 32. KERR et al disclose displaying a graphical widget/icon that may incrementally change the display on a display device within the data processing system (abstract, lines 1-13 and figure 12), wherein the graphical widget is displayed using a first size (abstract, lines 1-3); and responsive to receiving a selected user input (figure 6, element 51) resizing a display of the graphical widget/icon on the display device to a second size for receiving user input (figure 6, figure 10), wherein the second size is larger than the first size (abstract, lines 1-13, figure 6, figure 10).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 4, 6-8, 13-14, 19, 21-23, and 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over KERR et al US Patent NO. 5,227,771 in view of GOUGH et al US Patent No. 5,559,942.

5. Consider claims 4 and 19. KERR et al meet limitations of claims 1 and 16, however, do not expressly teach the method of claims 4 and 19, wherein the graphical widget/icon is a text field for receiving user input. GOUGH et al disclose the means of a text field for receiving user input (figures 2-7b). It would have been obvious to one at the time of the invention to utilize the input text field display means of GOUGH et al with the method and system for incrementally changing window size on a display because both inventions share similar technological areas related to sizing and resizing displays.

6. Consider claims 6-8, 13-14, 21-23, and 28-29. KERR et al meet limitations of claims 1, 10, 16, and 25, however, do not expressly teach the method of claims 6-8, 13-14, 21-23, and 28-29. It would have been obvious to one at the time of the invention to utilize the widget/icon sizing and resizing means with any display device, such as personal digital assistant, laptop, personal computer, and etc., because utilizing the means of a widget/icon sizing and resizing display is not exclusive to a personal digital assistant/hand held display device, laptop, or personal computer, or in fact any other displayable device.

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

7. Claims 9, 15, 24, and 30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. RYLL et al US Patent No. 5,748,067 utilizes a widget resizing apparatus. NAHABOO et al US Patent No. 5,696,914 discloses interactive command objects/widgets.

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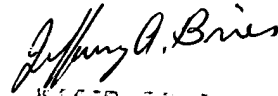
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